

THE CHANUTE TIMES.

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CHANUTE, KANSAS.

KANSAS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A Downs newspaper man has backslid and gone to preaching.

Leedy dresses much better than any governor of Kansas since Osborne.

The cows which do business with the Anthony creamery, realize 17 cents a pound for their butter.

The Ellsworth court house has been sold under foreclosure and is now the property of a Mrs. Way.

Kansas is still full of men who buy a newspaper and set out to inaugurate a new era for communities.

There are eighty clerks and employees in the state senate who are paid by the state for looking after forty senators.

A Newton man who stopped chewing tobacco the first of the year has since that time consumed \$5 worth of chewing gum.

The Pure Food show at Topeka will be largely attended by editors who will all carry baskets to carry samples away with them.

On Christmas night the editor of a prominent Kansas newspaper saw three thousand delinquent subscribers in line in front of his office all clamoring to pay their bills. It was a dream and it has not yet come true.

Georg T. Nicholson of the Santa Fe is a young man. Recently a conductor after looking him and his pass over telegraphed to headquarters: "Young Nicholson is abroad using his father's pass. Shall I take it up?" The answer came: "There is only one Nicholson. You have him. Leave him and his pass alone."

A Rock Island freight train was wrecked at Volland Jan. 18th. The wreck was caused by a draw bar breaking loose from one of the cars and falling on the track, ditching 80 box cars. No one was hurt, although the train men in the caboose at the time of the accident were severely shaken up. The accident delayed traffic several hours in and out of Topeka, which is only about 18 miles from where the wreck was.

Frank Daniels.

Frank Daniels Comic Opera Company will appear in Wichita at the Crawford Grand soon in the record breaking comic opera "The Wizard of the Nile." The dates to be announced later. This is his first appearance in this section and all lovers of music should not miss this great treat. This is the same company composed of seventy artists carrying the same elaborate scenery as was seen in the 150 night run last season at the Casino, New York. Watch for dates and correspond with the manager of the opera house early for reservation of seats.

The high esteem in which Fanny Rice is held by the leading members of her chosen profession is clearly demonstrated by the fact that she had the honor of being selected as one of the ten representative American stars to make up that famous all-star cast which toured the country in a gorgeously equipped special train, between the dates of May 4th and 30th, 1896, presenting in leading cities only one performance of Sheridan's immortal comedy, "The Rivals" (at \$5.00 a seat), and which proved the most distinguished event as well as one of the greatest artistic and financial successes in the history of the American stage. Miss Rice will appear at the Crawford Grand in Wichita, Wednesday evening, January 27th.

"Fifteen years in hell" has just been added to the Hutchinson library. The library is a little slow, but those Hutchinson people who have not read it should take it out.

It is a well known fact that a railroad man with one or more fingers off can throw higher dice than any one else, but his luck does not end here. There is a slot machine in an Atchison billiard hall, and a railroad man with three fingers and a thumb off bucked it recently and won every cent there was in it.

One of the Kansas expressions which has survived grasshoppers and drouths is that used of a horse which is speeding and which is said to be "going a pretty good hickory."

Two girls selling a patent shoe blacking have been worrying the people of southern Kansas to death recently. At Newton they thought nothing of throwing a man down and taking a quarter away from him, shoving the blacking into his hands and walking out with a sweet smile of contentment on their faces.

When General Coxe passed through Winfield recently he stepped out on the depot platform and distributed a lot of non-interest-bearing bonds.

Last year Miami county took up \$50,000 of bonds, and still had on hand Jan. 12, \$100,405.65. If you are looking for a farm, spend a day in Miami county.

A Topeka woman who has been married to and divorced from the same man twice is now suing him for a lot of alimony which the court awarded at the last separation.

Harry Landis will take charge of the penitentiary Feb. 1st.

A Parsons man sent President-elect McKinley a live deer.

Chautauqua county's interest was \$1,000 less in 1896 than usual.

Atchison is crying for a free bridge. Why? The men no longer want to go to Missouri for drinks.

The only two men in Atchison who would not have office are the only men who have booms for mayor.

The dangerous man to the railroads on the new railroad commission is Campbell of Stafford county.

They say down in Sumner county that a bottle of No. 7 Genda Springs "opens your hilarity valve."

There are no quail in the market at Pratt, but any grocer will sell you all the French pigeons you want.

One of the finest farms in Sumner county is owned by George S. Hill. Three years ago he started in farming with one sow.

Professor Beal, once a famous dancing master of southern Kansas, is now introducing a rapid method of learning 'he mazy in Atchison.

Miss Mary Wire, the Hutchinson girl was struck down by footpads, is not recovering as rapidly as the physicians had hoped. She complains of a pain in her head.

One of the cars which helped make up the McKinley corn train in June passed through Eureka the other day. It still had some of its decorations rattling around in the wind.

Peanuts are a staple crop in Cowley county. An acre of ground will produce about 150 bushels, and they bring for cents a bushel. The cost of production is about 25 per cent of the product.

Wellington has recently been troubled with a blind man and his blind wife who have been making Rome howl. They quarrel night and day and fought like cats. They were finally disposed of by being shipped to Kansas City.

Harris says the English farmers are in better shape than the American farmers. He says they dress warmer, are more comfortable and have more stick-to-it-iveness. But they do not get elected to the house of lords.

Property owners of Wichita who want to shirk taxes continue to move away and secrete vacant houses, and then go before the taxing authorities and ask for rebates. If the thing be kept up long, the whole town will be away—out of sight so to speak.

An Ottawa publisher who has faith in the publisher of an Eastern paper, has undertaken to raise 1000 subscribers in two lots of 500 each. If he gets 500 he is to go on a free trip to Paris. If he gets 1000 the trip is to be extended to Palestine. He has five years to do the job.

If Job had known the following, says an exchange, perhaps the record of his patience would have been lost to posterity: The yolk of an egg made into a plaster of honey and flour about the consistency of mustard paste, gives speedy relief to one afflicted with boils. The white, used as a coating for scalds and burns, excludes the air which so aggravates the sufferings of a burned person. It is softer than collodion, therefore better, and is always at hand. It is more soothing than the once popular sweet oil and cotton. The white beaten with sugar, is invaluable in bronchial affections, especially in hoarseness, when a little lemon juice may be added with good results. Cider vinegar may be substituted for the lemon juice when the latter is not available.

A month ago the state relaid an expensive walk at the northeast corner of the state house square. Already women are driving buggies over it to get to the city library, and while they are selecting their books their horses bark the trees.

Kansas should appreciate Dan Anthony while he is still on earth. She will never have another Dan Anthony. For vigor and interperity the state has never seen his equal. When Anthony is dead he will get a fine lot of obituaries he will never get to see.

Anderson Gray, recently released from the penitentiary where he went for criminal hypnotism, it is said, will not go back to his second wife, but will hunt up his first spouse and remarry her, having long ago been divorced.

A Kansas paper says the reason women are always so interested in a bride is because the married ones are wondering whether she knows as much as they do, and the unmarried ones are wondering whether they know as much as she does.

It is true that Cy Leland was offered the secretaryship of agriculture. He didn't want it.

Kingman county will pay four cents for rabbit scalps until 6 o'clock p. m. February 28.

Harry Landis as warden of the penitentiary will have about ninety appointments to make.

Creamery meetings are being held at Jetmore.

The frontpiece of the Peterson's magazine for January is a poem by Roy Farrell Greene of Arkansas City

The recent snow in southern Kansas fell as far south as Purcell, which is below Oklahoma in the Indian territory.

Three of the passes sent by the railroads to legislators have been returned. None was sent to Governor Leedy. He pays his fare.

An Abilene Judge has made a rule that only parties and witnesses concerned may hear the tales of woe told in divorce trials.

One Emporia lawyer has issued an edict that if Will White ever publishes his name he will go up to the office and slap Will's face.

Two boys at Fort Scott have been arrested for stealing stereotype metal from a printing office in order to make bullets for the Cuban insurgents.

Major Price, the Cuban lecturer, in order to induce sleep took an overdose of chloral at Kansas City the other night and came very near dying.

A porter at Winfield in a hotel showed a blind man and his wife to a room and carefully lighted the gas and left them. The gas burned all night.

The Topeka newspapers refused to make any mention on the inaugural ball. They insist that some of the people who attended were not proper.

Tannabill, the place from which King of Cowley hails, is just beside Genda Springs. We knew these waters would accomplish wonders if given a chance.

The Kansas City Stock yards have spread consternation among the legislators by declaring that the legislature may do its worst—no boodle will be forthcoming.

A Solomon man has given up a good, steady job as a railroad section foreman and adopted the uncertain avocation as an evangelist. He says the Lord "called" him.

The Hutchinson brigands who carried off Stella Mott tried to run away with a girl named Mary Wire the other night. Hutchinson should take steps to stop this wholesale competition of Italy.

The McPherson clerk who has two girls and wants to go home from church with both of them realizes how a member of the legislature feels as he looks at his anti-railroad bill and his annual pass.

A Butler county farmer and stock raiser says he has spent enough money for cigars to buy the best farm in the county. He further says he does not regret it because he had had more pleasure out of it than the best farm in the county was worth.

A Santa Fe clerk who desires to be unknown, contributes the following to a prominent newspaper: "Widows are popular because they have none of the kittenish ways common to girls. The startled fawn and the kitten business is greatly overdone by girls. Widows have lots of common sense that men admire. If a mouse appears in front of a widow she grabs a poker and smashes it, while a girl will scream, and possibly faint, although she is no more afraid of a mouse than a widow."

A good story is told on a Pop member of the legislature. He wanted to be in the swim so he engaged a room at the National hotel. The first night he was there he wrote to a friend at home and said that Topeka was a great place, and that he was having a gay time. He said that he was treated "mighty nice" at his hotel, that polite little boys waited on him bringing him everything that his heart could wish, and that his room had fine furniture, pretty brussels carpet and was not lighted with either lamps or candles, but with a "red hot hair pin in a bottle."

There are ten nice girls to every boy in Hiawatha and there are about a thousand nice girls to every nice boy. In fact, we know of no nice boys. Sure enough boys are tough and nasty. Good boys are sissies.

There is a man named Williams in the legislature who was elected as a Republican but is serving with the Populists. He was nominated on a silver platform before the St. Louis convention. He refused to change his belief and McPherson county elected him.

Reports from many agents for the sale of Bryan's book in Kansas indicate that the sale will be very small. Kansas is a state of newspaper readers, more than of book-readers.

A Brown county jay bought some candy and some strychnine and put them in the same pocket, the candy loose. The strychnine paper broke and as he rode home he ate the candy, wondering what made it so bitter. The strangest part of the story is that the Lord had future use for him and permitted him to live.

Cy Leland is buying one hundred loads of corn a day.

A pupil of the Lawrence schools has been suspended for kissing a girl without her consent.

Over 100,000 cattle registered at the Emporia stock yards last year.

Five babies were born at Hope last week. What's the matter with Kansas?

At El Dorado when they want to paralyze anybody they say they will "make him jump sideways."

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

GOOD READING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Tis Me Good-Night—Tom Warren's Oration—With Boys and Girls for Dolls—Writing with Secret Ink—About Football.



EASE, Mamma, please, tiss me Good-Night," My blue-eyed love with sunny curls stood pleading, 'twixt her sobs and tears, I said, "I can't kiss naughty girls."

I led her to her snowy cot, "Pease, Mamma, pease," she sobbed again, "I won't be naughty any more." I left her, all her pleadings vain.

I had been reared in Spartan school, And deemed it duty to control With rigid rule, nor never knew That love with love should sway the soul.

I heard a sob, my Mother heart With yearning filled, to soothe and cheer Yet I refrained, and in her sleep My Baby still lay sobbing there.

'Twas midnight, when I felt a touch— A fever'd hand lay on my brow, My white-robed baby pleaded still, "Pease, Mamma, pease, I can't s'leep now."

All through that agonizing night Delirious she moaned in pain, The little broken heart still plead For kisses that I gave in vain.

At dawn the Angels hovered near; She nestled close, and smiled, and said, "I won't be naughty any more." And in my arms my babe lay—dead.

And I am old, the passing years Have brought no comfort in their flight, My heart still hears that sobbing cry, "Pease, Mamma, pease, tiss me Good-Night."

—Kate Thyson Marr.

Who'll Find the Hidden Name?
Each line of the following sonnet contains in regular arrangement one of the letters in the name of a famous American. The letters follow one another in mathematical succession. See if you can pick them out and find the man's name:
A man who was, in peace and war, a chief
Above the pettiness of party strife;
A brawny, kindly one of simple life;
A brave and noble soul, who gained relief
For thousands of his fellow-men in grief
And slavery, and who, when war was rife,
Called mighty troops, that marched by drum and fife
To free black slaves. His public life was brief,
But great in deed and word and gentleness.

A statesman, born near the Ohio's shore,
Of humble ancestry, who worked his way
By strictly honest means to great success.
His name you all doubtless have heard before,
But these few lines may show you it today.

Tom Warren's Oration.

"Pa," said Tommy Brown, who sat at the writing desk with a new tablet and pencil before him. "I can't write anything for that plaguey oration."

"Oh, nonsense," said Dr. Brown, looking up from a letter; "you'll think of something pretty soon. Why, what would you think of a boy's waiting twenty years before delivering his oration? Pretty long, isn't it? Well, that's just what Tom Warren did."

"What," queried Tommy, doubtfully; "that congressman who was here to supper last week?"

"Even the same, Tommy."

"Tell me how it was—please."

"Well," said Dr. Brown, "Tom Warren and I were schoolmates at the Hillford high school. One winter term everybody was required to deliver an oration. Tom was a bright, studious boy and a good talker when he had an audience of only five or ten. But when he stood up on the platform he got red in the face, stammered, halted, then stopped altogether."

"Miss Langford, our teacher, took Tom and she drilled him before school and after school; she made him sit on a chair in front of the school; she had him take the teacher's desk and read problems to the arithmetic class; she scolded him and she coaxed him. After six weeks of this she told him one night that he must speak the next morning. Well, the next morning came, Miss Langford rose and read from a slip of paper, in her hand, 'Procrastination.' By Thomas Warren."

"No Thomas Warren was forthcoming. A boy who lived next door to the Warrens rose and said: 'Please, ma'am, Tom's folks were hunting for him this morning, and couldn't find him anywhere.'"

"Tom Warren had run away!"

"Three years ago we heard that he had been elected to congress. Then we found out that he had gone to the city, and worked up."

"This letter that I have just received

ed invites his former schoolmates to assemble in the large room of the Hillford high school on the 18th of next February, where we are to hear that twenty-year-delayed oration, 'Procrastination.' By Thomas Warren."

ROY A. COOK.

With Boys and Girls for Dolls.
For real fun there is nothing that equals a doll party. Not a doll party of the kind that the very little people give, but a party in which all the boys and girls become dolls themselves, act like dolls and play dolls' games. It is really an interesting kind of a masquerade party.

One of our bright girls recently gave such an entertainment, which was most successful.

The invitations were sent by little Chinese and Japanese dolls of the kind sold on the street at two for 5 cents, which are already dressed in gay oriental garments of paper. In the sash a tiny envelope was thrust, addressed to the person to whom the doll was sent, and containing an invitation to a doll party, the receiver being requested to come in a costume personating a doll of some sort.

One of the most amusing features of the evening was a row of paper dolls, live boys and girls of course, dressed in white and leaning against the wall, with hands joined. To do this well one must contrive to drive every bit of expression from the face, and by the aid of powder to assume a ghastly complexion.

An ingenious costume of gray underwear, drawn over the shoes and stockings and sleeves, with short skirt and waist of gray silesia, made a very good rubber doll, but the belle of the evening was a turbaned black Dinah. Of course, in most cases, masks are worn, but these can be dispensed with early in the evening. A prize is given to the one who can guess the identity of the greatest number. There is a field here for any amount of ingenuity. As this was in a suburban town the invitation dolls were delivered by a messenger.

Writing with Secret Ink.

Some of our boys and girls who wish to carry on a secret correspondence with their friends should try invisible or sympathetic ink. A whole page may be filled with writing and still be entirely white, as if there wasn't a word upon it. In this way it may be sent any distance, and no one can find out what it contains. But the person who receives it knows the secret of "bringing out" the writing so that it may be easily read.

One of the simplest of these invisible inks is a very dilute solution of sulphuric acid. Buy 5 cents' worth of the acid at a drug store and pour in a considerable quantity of water, at least three or four times as much as there is of the acid. Now, write with this solution, using an ordinary pen, and blot the surplus "ink" as you go along. To make the writing show black, all your correspondent has to do is to hold the letter close to a hot stove, when presto! out come the letters and words one by one, so that they may easily be read.

Another good secret ink, more difficult to bring out than the one already mentioned, can be made by using a cheap solution of sugar of lead. To bring out the written words it is necessary to sponge the letter with a solution of sulphuret of ammonia.

Another simple secret ink is made of a weak solution of ordinary starch. A letter written with this will remain entirely invisible until it is washed with a solution of iodine, which quickly brings out the writing.

In using secret ink it is best to write an ordinary letter telling about the weather and other unimportant things, and then between the lines write with the secret ink. This will serve to lead quite astray any one who sees the letter, because there could be no suspicions of anything written between the lines.

Advice to Football Players.

An excellent bit of advice to boys who are training for bicycle riding, football, or baseball is given by Harper's Round Table:

"It is a law of athletic training that one cannot get into condition in a month or two. To prepare for a football game on Thanksgiving, one must begin on the first of December on the year before—not the first of October of that year. In other words, if you wish to be a member of a 'varsity team you must keep yourself more or less in training, not only during your four years at college, but during the years preceding your college course. As a result, any sensible person will say that although smoking may be in no way harmful in itself, it is wiser and more to your own interest, if you have any outdoor or indoor athletic ambitions, not to smoke until those ambitions are satisfied."

"When a man has been running and breathes hard he is said to be 'winded.' That is merely a term, however. The fact of the case is that the action of the heart is increased. This sends the blood through his body much faster than usual, and he is obliged to draw air much more frequently into his lungs in order to do the extra work of purifying this blood which moves so much faster than usual. When you smoke the nicotine in the tobacco has an effect on your nerves, which in turn affects the heart, not at all seriously, perhaps, but at the same time, if you run shortly after smoking, there is still more exaggerated action of the heart, and this requires still quicker breathing. Hence trainers say that a man who smokes injures his wind."

The first horses in this country were brought here in the year 1518. In 1890 there were 14,056,750 of them in the United States.

REGARDING PASSENGER RATES

Decision of the Illinois Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners.

In the matter of the communication of the secretary of the state grange of Illinois dated Jan. 1, 1897, embodying a resolution of that body adopted at its December meeting, 1896, asking the board of railroad and warehouse commissioners to reduce the passenger rate from three (3) cents to two (2) cents per mile, the commission is of the opinion that to do so at this time would be unwise and unwarranted and would be unjust to the railroad interest of the state. While some of the great trunk lines in Illinois might be able to stand such a reduction, yet the smaller roads, and those which do almost wholly a local business, and which are now and have been for the last two years struggling for existence, would be most seriously affected by it.

Such action on our part would simply increase the heavy burdens under which they are staggering now. It is a well-known fact to those who have taken the trouble to investigate the amount of passenger business done by the railroads in Illinois during the past two years that there has been a large decrease in the number of passengers carried. This is due in our judgment not to the amount charged for such service but to the general depression in all lines of business, the low prices of farm products and the unsettled financial conditions which have had their effect on the passenger as well as the freight business.

And it is also a fact, as shown by the sworn reports of the railroads of Illinois that the capital invested in such property has not paid even a fair interest to the stockholder. This question was before us when we revised the freight schedule in 1895, and the whole question was thoroughly considered. We did not think then and neither do we feel now that in justice to both the public and the railroads, because each should stand on the same equality before the law, this reduction should be made at this time. If the country was prosperous our conclusions might be different.

The statistics in our office show that for the past three years, 1894, 1895 and 1896, the average amount charged by the railroads per passenger mile is a fraction above two cents, although the maximum allowed them was three cents.

For the reasons above stated we do not feel that this reduction should be made at this time. We are also asked to recommend this reduction to the legislature. In view of our conclusion we do not feel that it would be consistent for us to do so; however, the legislature has the power to regulate the maximum rate which can be charged for passenger service and we leave the matter to their wisdom.

(Signed) W. S. CANTRELL, Chairman.

THOS. GAHAN

Attest: J. W. YANTIS, Secretary. Jan. 12, 1897.

Humpendine's latest baby opera "The King's Children," will be one of the earliest novelties of the next opera season at Munich's.

A Very Popular Calendar.

Few people in these busy days are willing to live without a calendar to mark the passing of time. This fact, no doubt, accounts for the calendars of all kinds, colors, shapes and sizes which they have made at this season. Among them all the one that best suits us is the one issued by N. W. AYER & SOX, the "Keeping Everlastingly At It" Newspaper Advertising Agents of Philadelphia. We have just received a new copy and are fixed for 1897. It is not difficult to see why this calendar is so great a favorite. The figures on it are large enough to be read across a room; its handsome appearance makes it worthy of a place in the best furnished office or library, while its business-like all the way through. The publishers state that the demand for this calendar has always exceeded the supply. This led them years ago to place upon it a nominal price—25 cents, on receipt of which it is sent, post-paid and securely packed, to any address.

Henri Cain, the fiance of Emma Calve, is the librettist of Massenet's new opera, "Cinderella."

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